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51270-245623

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
SUZUKI)
Serial No: 09/471,706)
Filed: December 23, 1999)
For: AUDIO APPARATUS OF NEGATIVE)
DRIVING WITH ADAPTIVE GAIN CONTROL)

Examiner: Graham, A. R.
Art Unit: 2697

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 8, 2003, the due date for response to which has been extended to June 8, 2004 by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.